



GREEN GRAM



King County Solid Waste Division

The Newsletter for Green Teams in King County

Calling All Green Teams!

Earth Day 2000 is fast approaching. Saturday April 22nd is the first Earth Day of the new millennium! Whether your Green Team is planning events or activities in celebration of Earth Day, we would love to hear about what you're doing. So read on!

Earth Day Celebration at the Seattle Center

We would like to invite you to the BIG Earth Day celebration at the Seattle Center. Not only will there be activities for grown-ups, but there will be a 'Youth Section' that includes free theater performances, activity stations, music, and a myriad of other fun booths and entertainment for students of all ages. If your **Green Team** would like to join the festival at the Seattle Center, please call Rene at (206) 583-0655. Your Green Team can bring an activity, artwork, posters, stories, and photographs to display and share your projects with parents, other

students, and community members. We will happily provide your Team with a booth and/or activity station so that you have a venue to show others your great work to help the Earth.

Who Put the 'R' In Earth?

If your school missed this fun-filled program that explores ways to conserve natural resources or your students would like to see it again, you still have the chance! Terence and Angela Kelley will be performing our latest assembly for students and parents on Saturday, April 22nd in the Earth Day Youth Section at the Seattle Center. In addition come see:

- *Tickle Toon Typhoon* -award winning, diverse, imaginative children's music for the whole family.
- *LELA*- a two person performance that incorporates a movement/dance with environmental issues.
- *Jim Vick* -a presentation on songwriting and the way that music influences social change.
- *Kathie Vitz performing Adventures With Zeela* - a story drama about recycling.



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Be a
part of
something
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big.



Fabulous Ideas for Earth Day 2000!

We know what you're thinking, "*Earth Day is only 68 days away! There's not enough time! Panic!*"

Slow down, take a deep breath.

Don't worry, your Green Team has plenty of time to do a **cool** activity or plan a fun event. Here are some ideas to get you going:



✧ **Reduce your use:**

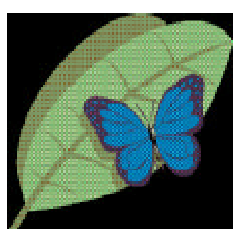
How many **resources** can your Green Team save by Earth Day? Trees, water, oil, metal all have something in common- they are all natural **resources** we use to make stuff. Pick three simple actions your Team can take to save these **resources** during school.

✧ **Organize a 'terrific transportation day':** Pick one day (or two, or three) between now and

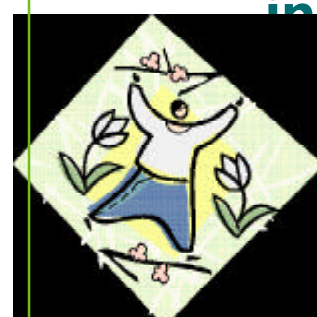
Earth Day and encourage students to get to school on a bike, in a carpool, or on the bus. Make a difference in our Earth's air!

✧ **Plan a butterfly garden or a worm bin.**

If your Team needs assistance in doing either of these activities, just call Rene' at (206) 583-0655 and she can help you plan and start your garden, or bring you worms for a worm bin.



Great Green Teams in Action



The **Explorer School** Green Team is working hand in hand with the **Emily Dickenson Elementary** Green Team. Not only do they share the campus, but they share

some of the same great ideas to cut down on garbage! With the help of Green Team advisors, **Marguerite Moskat and Jeanne Brown**, students from the two schools have formed one advisory/action group to start a school-wide lunchroom recycling program. Their Green Teams have met with the school principal and lunchroom staff to help kick off their program and make it successful. Students obtained large bins on wheels and painted them with colorful messages to encourage recycling. These awesome new bins will be located in the lunchroom and maintained by the 5th graders. The Team also developed a flyer listing the recyclables, what to do with them, and then presented their new lunchroom recycling program to classes throughout both schools. From planning to kickoff, these Green Teams have done a great job!!